THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) NCCF was nominated by the Central Government in 1985 as the Central distributive agency for Janata Toilet soap for sale through fair price shops/State Civil Supplies Corporations and Co-operative outlets.

(b) The Janata Toilet soap was distributed by the NCCF Regional Office Bombay to State level Consumer Federations leading Consumer Cooperative stores and cooperative outlets including non-member cooperative stores. NCCF had received a complaint in 1986 alleging diversion of Janata toilet soap to private trade. The complaint was vague and could not be verified. Thereafter no complaint was received by NCCF.

(c) Does not arise.

Labour Courts in Rajasthan

2653. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of labour courts in Rajasthan; and

(b) the number of cases pending in the courts as on 30th June, 1988?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) and (b) The Government of Rajasthan have intimated that there are one Labour Court, one Industrial Tribunal and five Labour Courts-cum-Industrial Tribunals in the State of Rajasthan. The total cases pending in these Labour Courts and Industrial Tribunals as on 30th June 1988 was 7025.

New varieties of Rice

2654. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Rice Research Institute, Cuttack has developed extraordinary and high yielding "Super Fast Rice" suitable for drought prone areas in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the same has been experimented in any drought affected area and if so, with what results?

(d) the number of high yielding varieties of rice developed by this Institute so far; and

(e) what is the impact of these new varieties in the production of rice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Super Fast Variety, 'Heera' (CR 344-1-2) released in Orissa State (1988) matures in 65-70 days and yields 2.5—3 t/ha. It is resistant to blast tungro virus, gall midge and is suitable for upland drought prone areas of Orissa.

(c) This variety has shown good performance in the demonstrations conducted on farmers' fields in Kalahandi. The yields ranged from 2.5 to 3.0 t/ha of paddy.

(d) Central Rice Research Institute, Cuttack has developed and released 41 rice varieties so far for different rice growing situations of the country.

(e) The exact statistics on the impact of these new varieties on total rice production are not avaliable. However, the new varieties have been widely accepted and have become very popular.

Import of paper, LDPE Foil etc.

2655. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tetrapak is now in wide use and if so, the quantity of paper, LDPE foil used in 1987-88 indicating number of packages used for different products like milk, soft drinks, fruit drinks, vegetable oils etc.;